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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

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Listing of the Claims:

Claims 1-9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (new) An article of apparel to be used with trousers worn low on the hips, comprising:

- a) a panel of flexible material substantially forming an extension band of sufficient width to encircle and cover a wearer's midriff; said band having a first open end and a second open end spaced from said first open end so that said band extends below a wearer's midriff;
- b) a waistband formed of elastic material formed along said first open end for engaging a wearer's waist;
- c) a trouser attachment element located at said second open end and disposed to engage the trousers worn low on a wearer's hips so as to prevent disengagement of the trousers from the hips.

Claim 11 (new) The article of apparel to be used with trousers as set forth in claim 10, wherein;

- a) said trouser attachment element includes a series of belt loops located along and near said second open end of said panel of flexible material.

Claim 12 (new) The article of apparel to be used with trousers as set forth in claim 10, wherein;

a) said trouser attachment element includes hook and loop fastener material.

Claim 13 (new) The article of apparel to be used with trousers as set forth in claim 10, wherein;

a) said trouser attachment element includes a drawstring.

Claim 13 (new) The article of apparel to be used with trousers as set forth in claim 10, wherein;

a) said panel of flexible material is resiliently elastic.

Claim 14 (new) The article of apparel to be used with trousers as set forth in claim 10, wherein;

a) said panel of flexible material is arranged to bulge outwardly between said waistband and said trouser attachment element.

Claim 15 (new) The article of apparel to be used with trousers as set forth in claim 10, wherein;

a) said panel of flexible material has pleats.

Claim 16 (new) The article of apparel to be used with trousers as set forth in claim 10, wherein;

a) said panel of flexible material includes lace attached at said waistband.

Claim 17 (new) The article of apparel to be used with trousers as set forth in claim 10, wherein;

a) panel of flexible material includes a slide fastener extending between said first open end and said second open end so that said band is formed when said slide fastener is joined.